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ARSON INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN INSURANCE FRAUD ARRESTS

CORONA, CA— A local business owner and a contractor face insurance fraud charges in connection with a 2014 arson fire in Corona.

On April 2, 2018, Armen Shaant Megerdichian, a resident of Winnetka, California was arrested after being arraigned on 12 counts of insurance fraud, one count of grand theft, and one count of committing multiple felonies involving fraud or embezzlement. The charges were the result of a suspected arson fire of his former business, the Parkridge Dental Spa located at 520 E. Parkridge Avenue in Corona. Megerdichian was arrested at the Riverside Hall of Justice in downtown Riverside. His bail was set at \$600,000.

On March 27, 2018, Jonas Borsca Jr., a resident of Riverside, California turned himself in at the Corona Police Department. Borsca, the owner of Vortex Fire & Water Remediation, has been charged by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office on two counts of insurance fraud related to the fire. Borsca was released on a \$35,000 bond.

A third suspect Cornel Lucaci, resident of Corona, was [previously arrested](#) on one count of burglary and one count of arson in connection with the fire at Parkridge Dental Spa. Lucaci is currently in-custody awaiting trial.

These arrests are the result of a four-year long arson and insurance fraud investigation, conducted jointly between the Corona Fire Department, Corona Police Department, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau.



If you have any further information regarding this investigation, please contact Fire Investigator Xente Baker at 951-736-2257 or email Xente.Baker@CoronaCA.gov.

About the City of Corona: Corona is located adjacent to Orange County California at the junction of the 91 and 15 freeways with a population of more than 160,000 residents. For more information regarding the City of Corona visit www.CoronaCA.gov.

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